



Adaptive Sportsmen Inc
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"Our mission is providing recreational opportunities for physically challenged people."

Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. is a Non-Stock, Not for Profit 501(c)(3) Foundation organized in Wisconsin



Board Positions

If you are interested in running for a position on the board and serving our foundation please let us know. We will have elections early in 2016. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to sign up as a candidate. All members are invited to apply.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check www.adaptivesportsmen.org for more information

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Please contact at allenneu@gmail.com with questions or comments
We are looking for people to help organize or work in the following events for the coming year; ATV rides, Summer Fishing events, Fall Deer and Waterfowl Hunts.
Ideas for events or activities are welcome. Contact John Mitchell at 8727 W. Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228 or jmitchellwi@prodigy.net.

E-mail notices are sent out to all members about special events and opportunities that come up on short notice. Send us your email address so that you might get a chance to participate in events that might not be in the newsletter or on the web site. Send your email address to aneu@adaptivesportsman.org

We Loan ASI Equipment to members

We have blinds, crossbows, gun rests, electric tree stands and fishing gear, including an electric reel available for you to try out and enjoy Wisconsin's outdoors. These items are free to borrow for members of ASI. Call Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to reserve your equipment.

Fundraising

We often have raffles at our events and the Expo Booths. If you can procure items for these events we would appreciate it. All items, big or small are welcome. Thank you to those that have already donated items. Call Mary Mitchell at 414-916-2298 to arrange your donation.

Facebook Page - Please Post your pictures and stories

Please remember to check out our Facebook page and **Post your pictures and stories!** We all can share what exciting and fun things that our members are doing. Let's all stay connected!

Adaptive Sportsman Membership Application

Include \$ 10 membership fee
Pay to; Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
Veterans Membership is Free

Expiration Date 12/31/2016

Mail to;
Adaptive Sportsmen Inc.
8727 W Coldspring Road
Greenfield, WI 53228

Name _____

Address _____

City State & Zip _____

Phone #s _____ e-mail _____

Please Circle One Physically Challenged Able Bodied Volunteer/Sponsor

Interests Hunting Fishing ATV Riding Boating Snowmobiling Other _____

Feb TBA ASI Board Meeting Contact John Mitchell 414-333-4745 to get the date and location for our Annual Winter Board meeting. Members and guests are welcome but please rsvp to John Mitchell so we can properly plan for the number of people attending.

Feb 6 Kelly Lake Ice Fishing Jamboree We are holding our inaugural Ice fishing Jamboree at Kelly Lake. Contact Steve Starz 262-321-9653 for more information or check out our web page as updates become available.

Feb 26-28 Madison Fishing Expo We have a booth at the show and need people to help man it. Contact John Martinson 608-628-2633 for more information or to sign up.

Mar 2-6 Milwaukee Sports Show We are going to be hosting a booth again at the Milwaukee Sports show. We need volunteers to man the booth and explain our mission and organization to the visiting public. Contact Steve Starz 262-321-9653 to sign up.

Apr 1-3 Deer and Turkey Expo, Madison We are again having a booth at the Deer and Turkey expo in Madison and need people to man the booth. Volunteers get in free and it is a great show. Help us inform the visitors about great organization. Contact John Martinson 608-628-2633 to sign up.

Apr 2 Halter Pheasant Hunt Our annual pheasant hunt at Halter Pheasant Club is a fun time and a great way to kick off the 2016 hunting season. There are plenty of people to help, dogs to point and birds to shoot. Come on out. Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505 to sign up.

May 7-8 Baraboo Turkey Hunt The turkey hunt in Baraboo is a nice way to get out hunting for turkey. We supply the lodging, guides, land and maybe some birds. Sign up and enjoy a fine spring turkey hunting experience. Contact John Mitchell 414-541-4505 to get information or to sign up.

May TBA Kelly Lake Pier Grand Opening We will be holding a grand opening for the complete Kelly Lake Fishing pier in May. Contact Steve Starz 262-321-9653 for details or to volunteer your time, money or material.

May TBA Madison Fishery We are holding our annual Madison Fishery at Tenny Park in Madison. Contact John Martinson at 608-628-2633 for more information

"It can be yours" Equipment Grants

The James E Dutton Foundation has provided an equipment grant to Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. to start a program helping physically challenged people with the cost of acquiring their own Adaptive Equipment for enjoying the outdoors. Applications are being reviewed and should be sent to 8727 W Coldspring Rd Greenfield, WI 53228. Thank you is an inadequate expression for their generosity. We are eternally grateful.

Pictures for the Newsletter and Facebook

We encourage you to send in pictures, stories and video to us for our future newsletters and on our Facebook page. Please email the items to allenneu@gmail.com or jmitchellwi@prodigy.net. **Please includes the names of the people in the pictures** so we can properly acknowledge the participants. We will try to get all of them into our newsletter as space provides.

Clintonville Bow Hunt

The Adaptive Sportsmen's annual archery hunt in Clintonville was another good time had by all. The weather was near perfect with no rain and high in the 50's with low to moderate winds. We attained permission from a private landowner to send a couple people over from our group. This went well with the hunters being very appreciative of the landowner's generosity. **Mary Mitchell** could not make it this year but **Greg and Dolores Borgwardt** pitched in along with **Pat Hanson** to keep the culinary experience extraordinary, (really good food). **Richard Patton** also helped Bernie and I with the guiding and assisting the hunt. Special thanks to Richard Patton for bringing the trailer with food, blinds, and everything needed for 3 full days of cooking for 15 people.

There were two shots taken and one close encounter without a shot taken as the buck was on the helper side of the tent and not the hunter's side. The buck's distance from the tent was 23 feet so once again, close but no back straps. One shot taken resulted in a doe falling into a small ankle deep creek and then walking off. Just to be sure Bernie took his tracking dog "Tracker" to see if a blood trail could be found as the arrow was in mud. Unfortunately no blood was found but a porcupine and Tracker sparred a bit. Tracker had many quills and after some tailgate quill pulling Bernie took his dog to the vet. Sedation allowed the vet to remove at least 25 more quills than the 25 we had pulled. The vet removed some that were only one quarter of an inch long so fortunately Bernie made the trip to town. Hopefully Tracker will remember what a quill pig can do to a dog and refrain from that activity in the future.

Seven people hunted at least once each day and most went out morning and evening, so a very dedicated group. Fellow board member **Joe Ehr** also attended so it was nice to have several board members in attendance. The Adaptive Sportsmen and women look forward to hosting another group of hunters and helpers next year. A "big thank you" goes out to the generous farmers, **Christus Memorial Camp** staff, the guides, Tracker and the kitchen help for making this event go so well.

Let's do it again next year, minus the quills. **Dan Jacoby**

ASI Cookbook

Do you have a favorite recipe? Something grandma or your great Aunt Sarah used to make all the time and got rave reviews? We're looking for your tried and true recipes for an Adaptive Sportsmen cook book. Anything from appetizers to window cleaners. Maybe you have some wild game recipes you'd like to share. We're also looking for short, funny one-liners and maybe a picture or two. Please help us make this the cook- book that everyone will want to buy. Send your ideas either by mail or email to; Recipes C/O Adaptive Sportsmen 8727 W Coldspring Rd, Greenfield, WI 53228. Dottie Dirksen

Youth Archery

The Girl Scouts held their archery class and contacted Adaptive Sportsmen Inc. for help because they had one young lady with a physical challenge. **Chris Salamone** volunteered to spend part of his Saturday mentoring her on the use of a crossbow. She scored a bulls eye.

Volunteer Spotlight

This newsletter's volunteer spot light goes to my well respected friend **Roman Nieminski**, owner of **Roman's Grading Service** and all around good egg. Roman's talent's and creativeness are evident from the road to the lake. Roman has been with Tess, Don and Joe since the start of the project. His talents can be recognized on every inch of the location and one of my favorite pieces are the Ramp, The time and talent that it took to get it right the first time is not luck, it's all skill. You may see him or one of the above mentioned out there. Chances are Roman's dog is out fishing while he's busy at something. Roman is such a great asset to us at Kelly lake and it would not even be close to it looking as well as it does without him, so if your enjoying the grounds and see him or anyone else there extend your hand and express your gratitude. They are great people to be involved on such a great task. So here's to you Roman, I hope we got plenty of years as friends to enjoy what you've done for all of us. We at ASI and the VA thank you from our hearts....Good on Ya. **Steve Starz**

Fishing Equipment Needed

Hey all our beloved members and volunteers, it's me Steve Starz and I'd like to ask if you or someone you know would have an old tackle box or pole, maybe even a cane pole (remember those) that is just extra or may (unfortunately) not be used again. I'm trying to provide tackle and the best experience to those members, veterans and volunteers who use our location at Kelly Lake. I am seeking anything you can think of be it a sinker, old fillet knife to an old boat cushion and of course tackle. For some of our disabled members it is a lot of extra work to load and unload or store their fishing gear every time they want to fish. I'd like to have an equipment area where anyone can come in and walla!! Rods, tackle, bait and a guide right there upon request, without the extra time an effort of loading up, thus spending more time enjoying the day. My address, phone number and e-mail address is one our site under contacts. Get a hold of me personally or one of our Board members letting them know what it's for and they'll make sure I get it. I'll be at the Sports Show in March. I'd be willing to come to get it. Thank You Steve Starz

Our Thanks

Heartfelt Thanks- for helping Adaptive Sportsmen provide outdoor recreation for physically challenged people. Thanks to our volunteers that work in the fields, on the water, in the kitchen and behind the scenes. There were about 100 of you this year. Thanks to our members who sold raffle tickets at shows or on your own. We hope more of you can help out with this in the future. Thanks also to our sponsors. They included The **James E Dutton Foundation, Cabela's Inc., Safari Club International Badgerland Chapter, Whitetails Unlimited, M&H Industrial Service Inc., Madison Fishing Expo, Atterbuny Kammer & Haag, American Packaging, Independence First, OSI Environmental, United Way, Truist**, several company match donations, **St Croix Trail Riders Club, Mark Schmitt, Mrs Seymour** and several anonymous donors.

Member Stories

Last week I participated in the disabled deer hunt sponsored by Badger Mining Corp. Over the 4 days, Chris and I saw 7 deer. The first night they were well over 400 yards. Day 2 and 3 we did not see any deer. The weather was very warm the entire week with very little deer movement. On the evening of day 4 with only 30 minuets left of light, we saw a doe with 2 very large bucks that were out at 218 yards. They slowly worked their way towards us to within 143 yards before they spooked and ran out of sight. With nothing to loose we decided to use our deer calls to try to call them back. It worked! We managed to call them back in to within about 100 yards using fawn bleats, grunts and a grunt snort wheeze. I took the 100 yard shot and the deer bolted immediately over a tall berm. Chris said I got em. But after a long search and no blood was found the reality was I missed. While disappointed, I thoroughly enjoyed the hunt and Badger Mining personnel were great people and extremely accommodating in moving blinds and even going out the next day to search further for deer I shot at. I can't wait to do it again next year. Dave

Retiring recently gave me the opportunity to go hunting with Lynn. After many years of staying connected by phone it was great to finally get together. Opening morning he connected with these two in the photo. In the following five days he harvested another nice doe and a 5pt buck. The weather was perfect and leaves were getting their color. Was more deer hauling than I've ever done in a week. Man was it fun. **Mike Kelly!**

Help Wanted- Waterfowl Hunters

We have an increasing number of members interested in waterfowl hunting. We know of some places to go. If you have experience in waterfowl hunting and are able to commit some time to help guide please let us know. Contact John Mitchell at 414-333-4745 to get more information or to sign up.

Include Adaptive Sportsmen in Your Will

Estate planning is never a real popular topic to talk about, but it is better to plan now than leave your heirs wondering what you wanted to do. You can also take the time to sort out what you want to leave as a legacy. Adaptive Sportsmen is hoping that you will consider us when you start your planning.

- **Donation of hunting equipment and adaptive equipment**. We can get your good used equipment to a needy ASI member or sell it and use the proceeds for our events. Used vans, wheelchairs, crossbows, and guns are popular items to donate.

- **Dedicate any amount of money or property for a specific purpose** We will keep that money separate and use it as you wish. From \$2 to \$200,000, any amount is good. **We can memorialize your donation or let it remain as an anonymous donation.**

- **Donate in the form of a charitable trust**. We can act as the trustee for your charitable trust if you want to transfer larger donations or real estate while retaining control of the asset during your lifetime.

No matter the size or type of your estate, we would be happy to talk to you about your estate planning.

ATV ride in Mercer this spring

We had a wonderful ATV ride in Mercer this June. We had ten members and several volunteers come out and enjoy the fine weather and great trails in the Mercer/Hurley area. Those of you who have come out in the past know the type of experience that can be had.

We had **Greg and Donna Olsen** from the **WATV** to help out and he brought two Polaris Rangers up to lend to our members who don't have machines. There was a two person and a four person machine to use, and use them we did! I got a chance to drive the four person Ranger and it was a blast. **Zach Zeise and Jane Roth** used the two person Ranger and were equally pleased. Thank you Greg and the WATV for this generosity.

Craig Simpson, Stacey Thill, Jeff and Jane Pagel, Roger and Cindy Mateer, Dave Guzzi, and **Doug Bureta** also came out to enjoy the trails and the hospitality at Pine Forest Lodge. **John and Cheri Stratte** are the proprietors of the lodge and they provide an accessible resort and fantastic place for our disabled members to enjoy.

We rode on Friday and Saturday and had lunch on the trails, and supper at the lodge. Cheri was a gracious cook and wonderful all around host, and John was equally helpful with trail and hiking information. John was able to help several people to do some additional sightseeing in the area surrounding the resort. We were able to get up to Saxon Harbor on Saturday and enjoy the view of Lake Superior and to do some riding in the big sand pit near the trails. I don't know which spot is enjoyed more but the are both fantastic places to ride.

I want to invite all of our members to try and come out for this event next year. You do not need to have a machine. We can arrange a loaner for members without a machine who want to try ATV riding. We can also give you a ride in one of the machines if you do not want to or can't drive an ATV. This is an awesome way to enjoy the Great North Woods and see what ATV riding is all about. The Pine Forest Lodge is on Spider Lake and they have several Kayaks for resort user to borrow. Spider Lake is a 360 acre lake with great fishing if you want to try that also. See Ya Soon. **Allen Neu**

Other Hunts

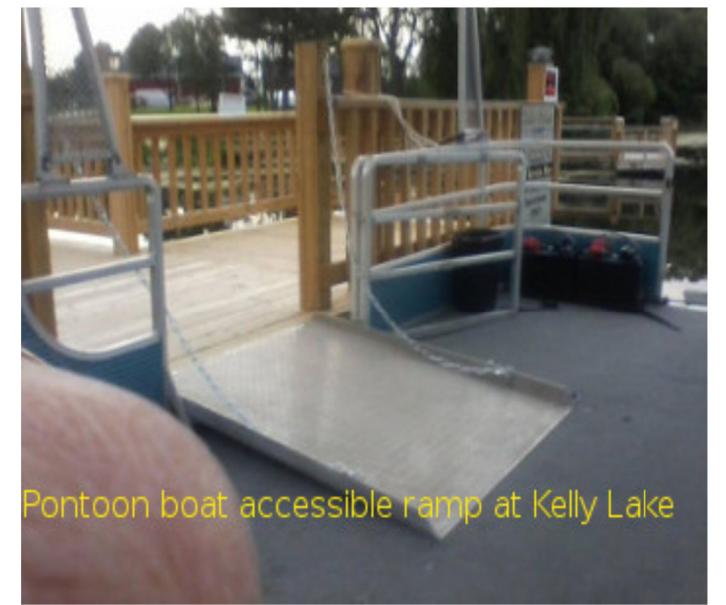
As announced in an email invitation Bill Stuber planned an Iowa hog hunt and Ray Rabuck planned a late season bow hunt in Wisconsin. Three physically challenged hunters are participating in both of these hunts. Stories and pictures to come.



Al Neu poses in front of the Polaris Ranger loaned by the WATV Assc.



Loyd Kalf shot this turkey this spring with Tessa Moser, Jake Grages, and Clayton Miller



Pontoon boat accessible ramp at Kelly Lake



ATV riders relax at the bar room in Pine Forest Lodge

My Turkey Hunt

Less than 1 year after my car accident in June 2013 that left me paralyzed from the chest down, I was able to organize a turkey hunt with a few friends. After an unsuccessful first day we found ourselves in the turkey blind once again early the next morning. The turkeys flew down from the roost in our direction and outfitter and friend **Clayton Miller** began to coax the birds in. Frequent gobbles ensured us that the birds were on their way. Soon our eyes were fixed on a dominant tom intent on finding the source of the hen Clayton was mimicking. Once the tom saw our submissive hen and jake decoys he rushed into the setup to assert his dominance as boss tom. The long beard strutted about the decoys for what seemed like an eternity finally with help from my friend Jake I was able to get on target and deliver a punishing load from my Winchester SX3! Excitement arose from our 2 blinds as I had just harvested my first wild turkey. **Lloyd Kalfs**



Keith Wanta and his helpers show off the doe he shot this fall



Board Members and visitors at the Annual Board Meeting in January



Bill Stuber with his Hog hunting crew help Tom get this boar in Iowa this Dec.



Lynn Krueger poses with the two does he shot this fall



John Mitchell gets ready to shoot at the Montello Sporting Clays event.



Dottie Dirksen and Mary Mitchell talk with Wendy Allen during a break from working at the Summer Picnic



Members wait at the firing line during the trap shooting part of the Summer Picnic



Group picture of the participants at the Montello Sporting Clays event



Several members get ready to shoot trap at the Summer Picnic



Members look at the raffle prizes displayed during a break at the Summer Picnic



Travis Allen prepares to shoot at the 3-D targets during the Summer Picnic



Helpers work on the grilled chicken served at the Summer Picnic



One of the adaptive guns mounts used by a member at the Summer Picnic